

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1809 - SB 1873**

February 2, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Exempts medical students from being required to hold a special training license while participating in certain training programs which allows the performance of duties while under the supervision and control of a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathic medicine.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Revenue - \$5,000/Board of Medical Examiners

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (011816):** Adds new language to the bill stating that it is the responsibility of the program director or dean responsible for the training program to apply to the Board of Osteopathic Examination for an exemption for medical students participating in a training program.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

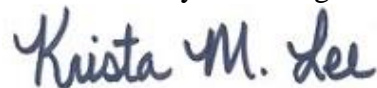
- Currently, medical interns, medical residents, and clinical fellows are exempt from being required to hold a special training license while participating in such training programs.
- The Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Osteopathic Examination require no fee for any medical intern, medical resident, or clinical fellow to enter any training program.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 63-6-207(d)(2)(B) and 63-9-104(d)(4), the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Osteopathic Examination may each impose a fee that must accompany each application for exemption of the licensure requirement.
- Fiscal Review Committee staff could find no record of the Board of Osteopathic Examination ever having received an application for exemption from the program director or the dean responsible for a training program; therefore, it is assumed that this legislation will not significantly affect the Board of Osteopathic Examination.

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- The Board of Medical Examiners currently levies a fee of \$10 per each application for exemption.
- According to information provided by the Department of Health, there are approximately 2,675 medical students statewide.
- Medical students generally participate in training programs during their fourth year of medical school.
- An equal distribution through the four years of medical school.
- There are 669 medical students in the fourth year of medical school that may provide an application for exemption in order to participate in a training program.
- It is assumed that approximately 75 percent of these fourth year students, or 502 students, will participate in a training program and seek exemption. The program director or the dean responsible for the training program is responsible for submitting each application for exemption to the Board of Medical Examiners accompanied by the \$10 fee.
- A recurring increase in state revenue of \$5,020 to the Board of Medical Examiners (502 students x \$10).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The Board of Medical Examiners had a deficit of \$75,431 in FY13-14, a surplus of \$359,446 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$2,725,411 on June 30, 2015.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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